

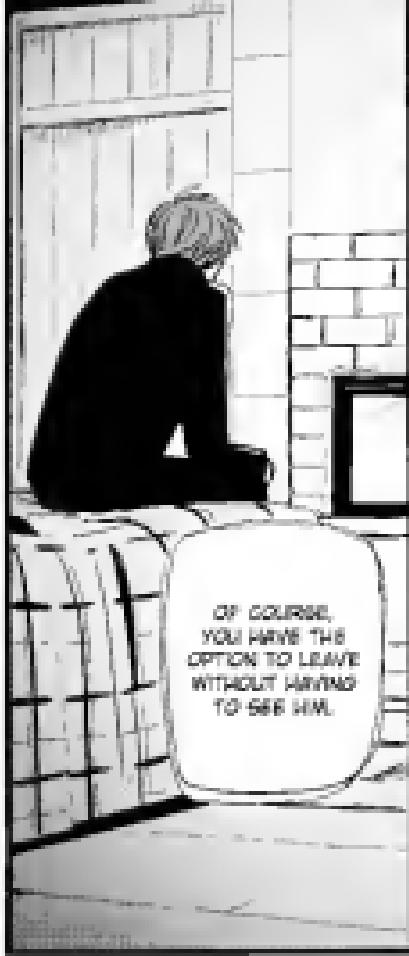




THERE'S
NOTHING YOU
CAN DO ABOUT
HIM KNOWING.

JUST TELL
HIM WHAT
HE NEEDS
TO KNOW

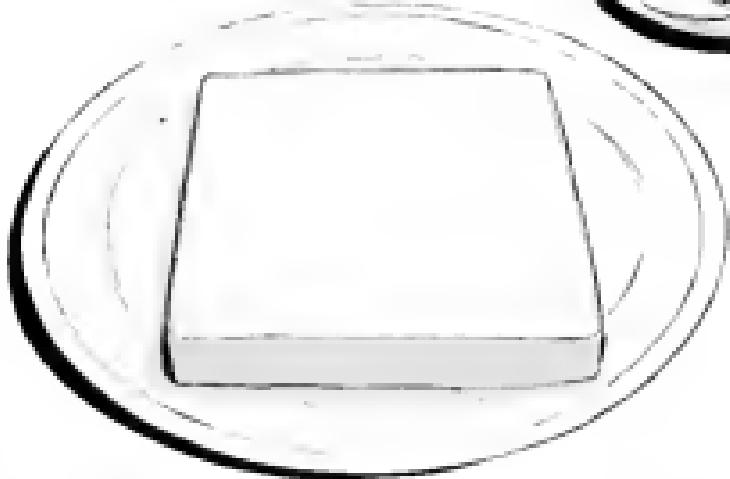
WHILE YOU
KEEP AN EYE
ON HIM.

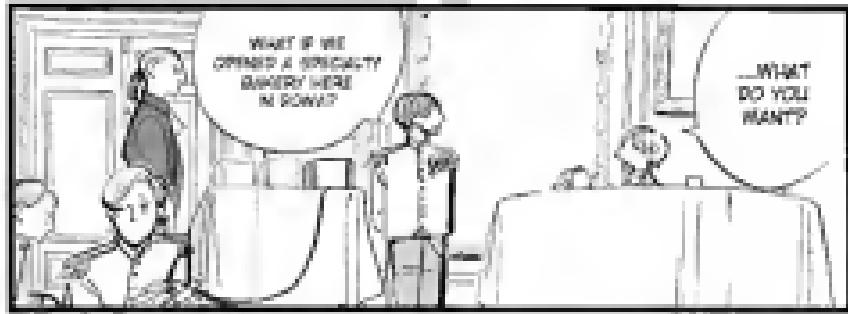


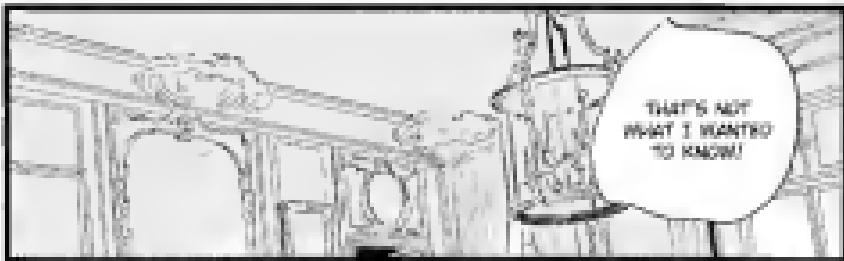


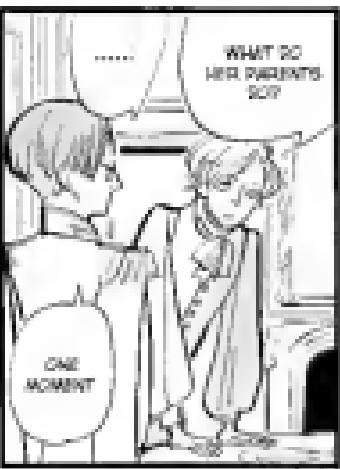


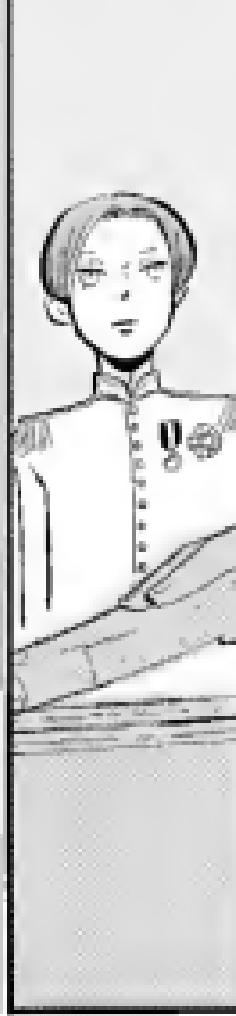




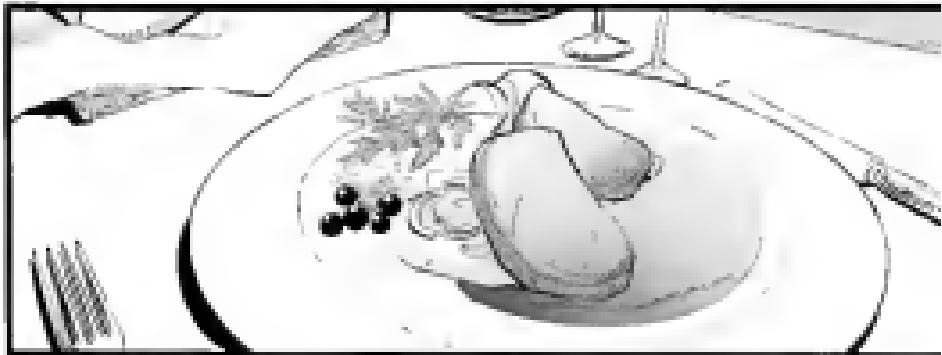














WE DO GROW WHEAT AND THERE'S A BEER FACTORY, BUT MOST OF IT IS EXPORTED.

BUT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH AROUND TO CHANGE OUR TRADITION.

I'M A LIGHTWEIGHT SO IT'S A SHAME THAT I CAN'T TRY THE ALCOHOL HERE.



IF THAT HAPPENS, I'M NOT SURE IF EACH STATE CAN MAINTAIN

ITS OWN AUTONOMY, LIKE WHEN THE KINGDOM WAS FIRST FOUNDED.



I SINCERELY WISH THAT THE DOWA KINGDOM CONTINUES TO EXIST.

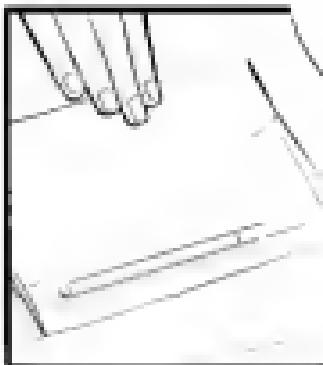
THAT STATE WOULD BECOME THE DE FACTO RULER OF THE KINGDOM.

BUT, I'M NOT IGNORANT OF THE FACT THAT EACH STATE IS TRYING TO BECOME MORE INFLUENTIAL.

SHOULD A PARTICULAR STATE BEGIN TO STAND AT THE TOP,

BUT IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENS,





NOBODY
HERE KNOWS
HOW TO ROLL
CIGARETTES.

YOU'RE THE
ONLY PERSON WHO
WOULD WANT ONE
ANYWAY.

LET'S GO
HAVE DINNER
TONIGHT

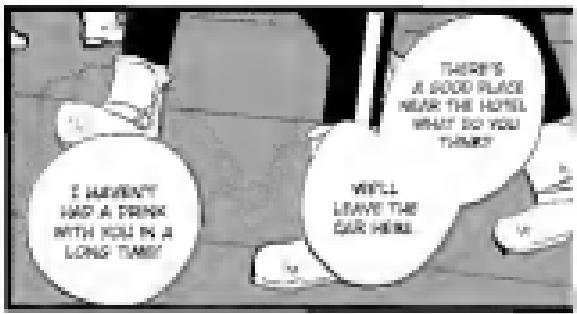
NOW YOU
CAN TAKE
A BREAK

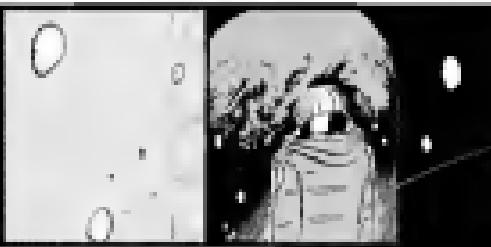
NO
POSITIVE
IMAGE ALL
YOUR ROUNDS

ARE YOU
SURE?

I'LL
COME PICK
YOU UP AT
THE HOTEL AT
2 TOMORROW
TO GET YOU
ON YOUR
FLIGHT.

ACROSS







Like you
always do.

I thought
we'd go out
for dinner at
least once.



I THOUGHT
I RECOGNIZED THE
SILHOUETTE OF THE
PERSON WHO HELPED
ME DURING THE FROST
IN SUITES.

HE ALSO
HAD A VOICE
IT'D HEARD
SOMEWHERE
BEFORE.

AND NOT
ONLY IN THIS
PAST MONTH.

I ALSO
THOUGHT THAT
THIS HAS HAPPENED
SEVERAL TIMES
ALREADY.

...YOU'RE WITH
ACCA, AREN'T
YOU?





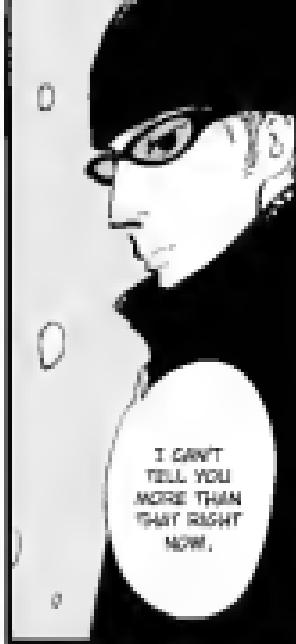




I'M TRYING
TO GIVE YOU A
COMPLIMENT, YOU
CAN DO MORE THAN
JUST LAUGH.

SORRY, JEAN.

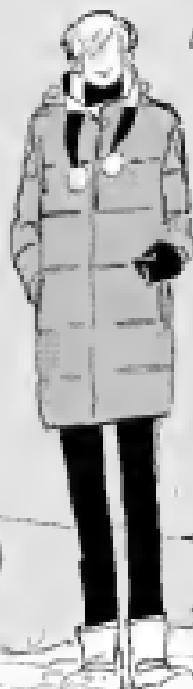
IT'S NOT
BECAUSE OF AGGA
THAT I'M WATCHING
OVER YOU.







...DID I REALLY
SAY THAT?



AND I KIND
OF FEEL THE
SAME ABOUT
HIM, TOO."



The Uniforms of ACCA

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The uniforms created for Birra are designed for complete protection against the cold as Birra is the coldest of the 13 states. The hats and scarves worn by the staff are reinforced with the word "ACCA" and are paper-like enough to have people make countless variations of them. As an aside, the "overalls" that were wearing are not part of the uniform, but a gesture of hospitality by Decker.



Birra Staff



Chapter 16
Overalls